

FORMAL OPENING

THE NEW ARMOY WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY EVENING WITH A GRAND PROGRAM. EVERYBODY INVITED. TICKETS \$2.00.

The fine new armory of Co. G. in this city will be formally opened on Friday evening of this week as the new heating plant is now just completed. The committee on reception are Capt. and Mrs. Chas. F. Cook, Lieut. and Mrs. Frank B. Teeter, Lieut. Peter Johnson, Co. and Mrs. A. W. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Chas. L. West, Major N. Nicholson, Major Al. C. Page. Military officers from different parts of the state will be present. Brief addresses will be made by Col. A. W. Wright, Adj. Gen. Fred B. Wood and Gov. A. L. Eberhart. Later arrangements will be made for dancing and a grand military ball.

Ground for the splendid new armory was broken in the spring of 1912 and it was enclosed in the fall and it has been occupied partially since last February. It is located on Maple street directly south of the courthouse and adjoins the new fire hall on the west and faces north.

The armory is 114x58 feet with well lighted basement and with a two story front. The front is of the standard armory style with huge towers on either side of the main entrance. The main floor is 7 1/2 feet above the ground level making a ten foot basement. On the main floor is the large drill hall 88x55 feet extending to the roof which is arched. North of the drill hall on the main floor, 22 feet, there are the main entrance, a men's room, ticket office, officers' room, officers' private room, officers' toilet, ladies toilet. A gallery 18 feet wide extends into the drill hall from the north. In the upper floors north of the drill hall there are three rooms and a toilet arranged for armory purposes. One of these will be for non-commissioned officers of the U. S. Army while on duty here. One will be for a library room and one for a club room.

The basement is a most important part of the armory. It contains a locker room, an ordinance room, a dining room 33x28 feet, a kitchen, 12x28 feet, coal and boiler room, and along the east side an indoor rifle range and bowling alley. At the north end are shower baths, lavatory and men's toilet.

The building is constructed of brick and concrete. The front elevation is 33 feet high, 58 feet wide on Maple street and is beautiful in design. The cost complete will be \$22,250. James Schradle had the contract for \$16,227. To complete the building proper so

that it can be used and the remaining finish of the interior will be done later. There is a five foot walk on the west side of the building allowing additional access to the basement and the drill hall. There is ample exit in case of fire. The building is a fine improvement for Austin and was obtained thru the legislation of Senator Cook, who obtained \$15,000 from the state for the building. It was constructed under the direction of the board of armory supervisors of Minnesota, in consultation with Capt. Cook. The building is connected up for heating purposes with the steam heating plant of the new fire department building adjoining.

The total cost to complete the building will be about \$2,000 and \$1,500 is yet due on what has been done. Tickets for the grand opening on Friday evening have been placed at \$2.00 each to help meet this expense.

Anti-Saloon League Rally.

On next Sunday, January 11th, the Anti-Saloon League will hold its annual Field Day in Austin. At the morning services, the following pulpits will be filled by the League speakers:

At Methodist church, Rev. W. H. Miller.

At Baptist church, Mr. W. I. Norton.

At Congregational church, Mr. C. Walden.

At Presbyterian church, Dr. G. B. Safford.

At Norwegian Lutheran church, Rev. H. N. Hansen.



REV. H. N. HANSEN.

In the evening, there will be a union service in the Methodist church, at which Rev. H. N. Hansen will speak.

—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennis of Virginia City was brought here yesterday for interment in the Catholic cemetery. Burial service by Mons. E. H. Devlin.

—The wedding of Herbert St. Legere and Miss Beulah Palmerton will take place at St. Augustine's church today.

PIONEER MINISTER

Rev. A. Cressey Gives an Interesting Account of His Life and Labors

Having returned from church Dec. 28, 1913, and Jan. 4th, 1914, I noticed "The Officiary of the Methodist Episcopal church in Austin" did not know my name, so I thought a little history might be interesting to our congregation and the readers of the best weekly paper printed in Austin, The Mower County Transcript. A lawyer writing of the New Pastor said, "he wanted to know of his conversion," so perhaps it will be interesting of an old pastor. I was soundly converted to God by the creating power of the Holy Ghost, on Austin Circuit, while residing on my farm 4 1/2 miles south of Austin City. The Rev. David Free was pastor and the Rev. Thomas Gossard, presiding elder on or about the 9th of Feb. 1862, and on Feb. 11th, two days afterward God made me a minister, and immediately it was sanctioned by the Pastor in Charge and the Class of which I was a member, and I commenced to hold meetings and my first license to Exhort is date, May 5th, 1862, which was renewed at the Quarterly Conference at Austin, July 26th, 1862. T. J. Lake, Secy., T. M. Gossard, Presiding Elder and this is the only way I was ever taken into full membership of the Methodist Episcopal church. I told the preacher I was not eligible to it, I was not a full member. He answered "they were all satisfied."

My Local Preacher's License was given me at the Quarterly Conference in Austin, May 9, 1863, David Tice, President, Alfred Cressey, Secy. This was renewed by Dr. John Quigley, Presiding Elder and Charles W. Sawyer, Secy. On this I wish to add that Dr. John Quigley was the greatest preacher and Temperance Lecturer of the Minnesota Annual Conference. By whom, and the Quarterly Conference, I was recommended to the Traveling Connection in the Minn. Conference and took work and stationed at Princeton, Minnesota at St. Paul Conference.

The next fall I joined the Minnesota Conference at Faribault in a Class of six who continued and graduated in 4 years to Elders Orders; viz, Alfred Cressey, W. C. Rice, Henry Goodsell, Henry G. Bilbie, John R. Creighton and Benjamin Kemp. The two last mentioned are now dead. Henry Goodsell is in California, the other three, Rice, Cressey and Bilbie are still alive and members of the Minnesota Conference. Bro. Bilbie has been Register of these four years courses of study a good share of the

time, and he told me last fall at Mankato Conference that we were the only class of six that went through the course in four years (and I stood at the head of the class.) We were ordained deacons by Bishop Matthew Simpson at Rochester, Minn., Sept. 22, 1867. Signed, Matthew Simpson. Two years afterward we were ordained Elders by Bishop Levi Scott at Minneapolis Oct. 10, 1869. Signed, Levi Scott. These dates are correct having copied them from original Manuscript and Ordination papers I have in my possession. Rice has been Presiding Elder and Creighton and Cressey Pastors at Austin, Minn. I think no other person has been converted on the Austin charge but myself that has filled the various offices of the church as follows: viz., Class Leader, Sunday School Superintendent, Exhorter, Local Preacher, and recommended to the Conference Relation and through 5 years course of study and examination graduated to Elders Order in the Travelling Connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have filled the following appointments:—Princeton 2 years, where I paid all debts on church property bought two new lots, and moved the church into the center of the village and paid all bills. Rockford, Watertown and Belano three years—here I built a parsonage and took 107 persons into the church, and when I left it was divided into two charges and two preachers appointed. Monticello Two years—Here we completed the parsonage, and at Otsego got 7 or 9 lots and raised one good subscription to build a church—foundation was laid and church completed by Rev. Thomas Day—he taking my place and I his at Shakopee, Minn., here I stayed 3 years. Morristown and Waseca 2 years. Here I paid for lot and finished from beginning at Morristown, also at Warsaw a brick church and raised subscriptions to pay all debts. At Waseca I secured the lot and built the first M. E. church and all completed and Robert Forbes followed me there. St. Peter I paid an old church debt that had existed years after church was built, increased and improved both church and parsonage and paid all debts. From there I came to Austin where we had a Union Revival with Revs. Wright and Belden, pastors of Congregational church and Baptist. 35 joined our church and we paid some debts on the brick church. From here I went to Kasson and saved church from being sold. Plainview 2 years. Here we finished the parsonage that stood a long time unfinished up stairs and paid the bills. From thence we went to Preston, where we improved both church and parsonage property and had the greatest revival of my ministry, doing my own preaching and staying 3 years. All bills paid. We were then sent to Winona, where there was a new church and parsonage was just finished but not paid for—mostly paid for or provided when the next preacher got there. Albert Lea was our next charge, where we improved church and parsonage property, paid debts, supplied church with hymnals, stayed 4 years, the longest anyone

has ever stayed at Albert Lea. Then I asked the conference for a small charge where I could move to my residence and live in my own house. So I was appointed to Geneva and Blooming Prairie charge where I continued 5 years and improved and remodeled church at Geneva, which was all paid for and at Blooming Prairie improved parsonage and made it rentable. Then finished my traveling work and retired by filling London and Lansing charges. This is an epitome of my life's work in the Conference work to retirement. Since my retirement I have taught the Old Peoples Bible Class nearly 5 years, when I resigned these offices in the Austin Methodist Episcopal church where I began my work 52 years ago next February, 1914. As near as I can make out one thousand persons have been added to my charges—Mrs. Cressey and family were always my helpers, and the church members—scarcely ever any outside help.

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Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The Bible Class under the leadership of Dr. Stout will resume its work Wednesday evening, Jan. 7 at 7:45. This class is open to men and women. If you cannot come regularly, come as a visitor. Every class hour is full of inspiration and help to those who are interested in Old Testament prophecies.

The Vesper service was held as usual Sunday, Jan. 4, with Rev. G. H. Ten Broeck as speaker. He gave a very helpful talk on the subject, "The Abundant Life." Mrs. N. R. Lyon sang a solo, "There's a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen." Coffee and sandwiches were served during the social hour by the hostesses, Mrs. Warfield and Mrs. Will Page.

The January meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the rooms Monday, Jan. 5. The usual monthly business was transacted.

Miss Brinton met with the club at Brownsdale Monday evening.

Binder Twine Prices for 1914.

Warden Henry Wolfer of the state prison has announced binder twine prices for the season of 1914 as follows: Standard, 500 feet to the pound, 7 1/2 cents per pound; sisal (white), 500 feet to the pound, 7 1/2 cents per pound; standard manila, 350 feet to the pound, 9 cents per pound; manila, 600 feet to the pound, 10 cents per pound; pure manila, 650 feet to the pound, 11 cents per pound, all f. o. b. Stillwater, Minn. The price is cut 1/2 cent below last year's charge on sisal and standard. The prices on the other three manila grades are the same.

A discount allowance from these prices ranges from 1/2 cent to 1/4 cent per pound; 1/2 cent discount on not less than 3,000 pounds; 1/4 cent discount on all orders not less than 10,000 pounds, and 1/2 cent per pound on carload orders. Prices are guaranteed to be as low as prices named by any other jobber or manufacturer for twine of equal grade and quality, or lower.

Mower County Publishers Association.

The annual meeting of the Mower County Publishers Association was held at the Fox hotel Saturday afternoon. All members present except the Adams editor. The business of the past year was discussed. The following new officers were elected: pres., C. D. Belden; vice pres., Ralph Prescott; sec., Carroll D. Bush; treas., J. H. Frazier; executive committee, J. H. Schaner, Wm. Nordland, Paul Keith.

Ladies Floral Club.

The next meeting of the Ladies Floral club will be held with Mrs. A. W. Wright Monday, Jan. 12, with the following program: Reform and Persecutions in Russia, Mrs. C. A. Hegge; Catherine the Great and Her Work for Russia, Mrs. C. L. West; Streets, Parks and Monuments of St. Petersburg, Mrs. S. V. H. Hendryx. Roll Call; New President of China, Mrs. A. W. Wright; Music, Mrs. C. A. Hegge.

Twilight Concert.

The Twilight concert at the Congregational church Thursday afternoon was much enjoyed and was finely rendered. The following program was given:

Organ Solo..... Miss Susie Basford
Solo..... Mrs. Earl Rutherford
Solo..... Mrs. Levi W. Decker
Slave song..... W. F. Hanscombe
Organ, "Good Bye" Mrs. Earl Rutherford
Organ and Piano Duet.....
Miss Susie Basford, Miss Clara Crane
Solo, "It Is Enough", W. F. Hanscombe
Reading..... Miss Helen Clark
Solos..... Mrs. Earl Rutherford

K. R. T. ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Knights of the Round Table, active members and alumni, with their girl friends enjoyed a splendid banquet at the Elk Hotel Wednesday evening on the occasion of their annual reunion. About 45 were present. Miss Floy Edson was chaperone. A fine four-course turkey dinner was served with an elaborate and very tempting menu. The place cards were hand painted and the room was decorated with club colors and pennants abundant. After the banquet a program of toasts was given with Paul Reilly toastmaster.

Address of Welcome, Roland Biebol.

Response to Welcome, Josephine Catherwood.

Our Past, Allen Edson.

Our Future, Fred Chapman.

The company later repaired to Eagles hall where arrangements were made for a program dance which was much enjoyed until after the New Year arrived. The banquet and reception were nicely carried out in every way.

Kept It Dark.

Gerald—"A gentleman knows how to keep a secret." Geraldine—"If you are a gentleman you have kept it a secret, all right."

Reorganization Sale

THE GOLDEN EAGLE CLOTHING HOUSE, P. H. FRIEND, Prop, desires to announce that on February 1st, he will make a change in his firm, details of which will be given to the public in a later issue of this paper. This is a matter of interest to every person in Southern Minnesota, as it means the readjustment of our entire stock and necessarily the closing out of thousands of dollars worth of clean, desirable Merchandise at prices never before heard of or attempted in this section.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE

It will pay you to come miles to attend this greatest of all bargain events. You know this store. The business that Mr. Friend has built from a small store to the largest establishment of its kind in Southern Minnesota. You know the quality of Merchandise we always served you. You know the reputation of this establishment for honorable, square dealing, and you know that any statement made in our advertisements is like giving you our promissory note. Therefore it will pay you to supply your clothing needs now.

SALE NOW GOING ON

10 to 30 Per Cent Discount on Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Sheep and Fur Lined Overcoats etc. This will mean enormous savings to every person taking advantage of this sale as it means a bona fide discount from our original low price and not one article is reserved excepting a few staple overalls and contract goods

NOTICE: All persons having bills against the present Golden Eagle Clothing House will please present same for payment and all bills due the Golden Eagle Clothing House must be settled on or before January 15th, 1914.

GOLDEN EAGLE CLOTHING HOUSE